

## Grade 9 Scholar Checklist

Scholar Name:

School Name:

School Counselor:

Parent/Guardian:

### PLAN for College



- ☐ **Complete your Graduation Plan.** Map out a four-year course plan with your counselor that puts you on a path to earn a Core 40 diploma with Academic or Technical Honors. Use the Indiana Career Explorer to create your plan online at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/Careers](https://LearnMoreIndiana.org/Careers).
- ☐ **Explore career interests.** Think about how your interests and skills match potential careers. Visit the workplace of a family member, friend, or mentor to see what their job is like.
- ☐ **Research Indiana colleges and universities.** Start thinking about what you want out of college and which schools might be the right fit for you. Learn more about different Indiana colleges and universities at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/Colleges](https://LearnMoreIndiana.org/Colleges).

### PREPARE for College



- ☐ **Participate in an extracurricular or service activity**, such as school clubs, athletics or a volunteering in the community. Pick a couple activities to focus on during high school.
- ☐ **Succeed in school** by earning good grades, developing strong study skills, keeping up with homework, and engaging in class daily.
- ☐ **Stay on track to earn a Core 40 Diploma with Academic or Technical Honors.** Complete Algebra I, or sign up to take it in Grade 10. Remember: Passing an End-of-Course Assessment (ECA) for Algebra I is a high school graduation requirement.

### PAY for College



- ☐ **Complete the *Paying for College 101* learning module** at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/Scholars](https://LearnMoreIndiana.org/Scholars). *Paying for College 101* explains what your 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholarship pays for, tells you about the costs involved in going to college, and teaches you about saving and managing money.
- ☐ **Calculate and compare costs** at Indiana's colleges and universities using the Indiana College Costs Estimator at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/Costs](https://LearnMoreIndiana.org/Costs).
- ☐ **Save for college expenses.** Open up a tax-free Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plan at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/Costs](https://LearnMoreIndiana.org/Costs). Contribute to it each month, even if it's just a small amount.



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